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Front Page Items: <http://www.nj.gov/education/njpep/>

1. **NJPEP PD Online** is offering **early literacy and ELL (English Language Learners)** (15 professional development hours (PDHs)), and **online facilitation courses** (30 PDHs); **starting February 1 – March 3, 2008**. Visit: <http://www.nj.gov/education/njpep/pd/onlinePD/index.html> for more information or to register.
2. **Check out the middle school links in our Special Focus section. Websites include:**
 - **MiddleWeb**
 - **New Jersey Consortium for Middle Schools**
 - **Schools to Watch**

Professional Development

1. **The Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey Winter Regional Conferences:**
<http://www.amtnj.org/conference/2007/winterregional2008flyer.doc>
 - **Theme:** TLC in Mathematics: Teaching, Learning and Constructivism
 - **Dates:** January 9, 10, and 15, 2008
 - **Locations:** Brookdale Community College, William Paterson University, Stockton State College
2. **New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Annual Convention:**
<http://www.njahperd.org/annualconvention.html>
 - **Theme:** Light the Way
 - **Date:** February 25-26, 2008
 - **Location:** East Brunswick Hilton Hotel & Towers, East Brunswick, NJ.
3. **National Science Teachers Association Learning Center:**
<http://learningcenter.nsta.org/>

A professional development website with access to more than 1,200 different resources and opportunities, including: web seminars, journal articles, and lesson plans

Selected Classroom Resources

1. **Penguin Webcams** - Visit penguin habitats from various locations worldwide.
<http://www.penguin.net.nz/viewing/webcams.html>
2. **Penguin Planet Quiz** - Find out how much you know about penguins. Have fun with the quiz.
http://kevinschafer.com/penguinplanet/kids_quiz.html
3. **What do Salt Trucks do?** - A preschool science activity that involves prediction and observation.
<http://www.ghbooks.com/activity/activity.cfm?bookid=18325&page=557>
4. **View magnified snowflakes from the Snowflake Bentley Museum** - Click on any image to get a closer look.
<http://snowflakebentley.com/snowflakes.htm>
5. **Hibernation** - An information page examining the hibernation habits of different animals.
<http://www.saskschools.ca/~gregory/winter/win2.html>
6. **Tundra** - An interactive webpage from the Missouri Botanical Garden that allows students to learn about this biome. Topics include information related to plants, animals, and more.
<http://www.mbgnet.net/sets/tundra/index.htm>
7. **Severe Weather and Natural Disasters: Winter Storms** - This interactive experience teaches about weather patterns and bring students face to face with extreme weather conditions.
http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwatch/winter_storms/index.htm



Parents and Students

1. **New Year Prediction Boxes** - In this activity, each family member makes predictions about family, pets, the world, or anything else for the coming year.
<http://www.eduplace.com/hac/celebrations/newyear.html>
2. **The Science Explorer** - Free to view at home science activities that cover cross-content topics—there is some advertising on the page related to the Exploratorium Science museum.
http://www.exploratorium.edu/science_explorer/index.html
3. **You're the Best** - This activity provides an opportunity for parents and children to acknowledge the special things family members contribute via an award.
<http://www.eduplace.com/hac/whowe/best.html>
4. **At Home with Math** - Ten everyday activities connect math with ordinary routines such as figuring out ways to save money, to share fairly, or to get somewhere on time.
<http://athomewithmath.terc.edu/>
5. **Food Critic Notebook** - An opportunity for children to practice descriptive writing and develop organizational skills as they create a restaurant review.
<http://www.scholastic.com/schoolage/activities/3up/foodcriticnb.htm>
6. **Model Town** - In this social studies activity, children create a village of their own. Learning benefits from this activity include the promotion of community awareness and map skills.
<http://www.scholastic.com/schoolage/activities/3up/modeltown.htm>
7. **Ed Extras: Creating Learning Traditions and Learning That's Hands-On Holiday Fun** - Tips and activities for strengthening reading and learning success from ¡Colorín Colorado!, a bilingual site for families and educators of English language learners.
<http://www.colorincolorado.org/newsletters/edextras>

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New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/cccs/>

Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/contact.htm>

Professional Standards Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/>

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<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/contact.shtml>

Evaluation and Assessment Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/>

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